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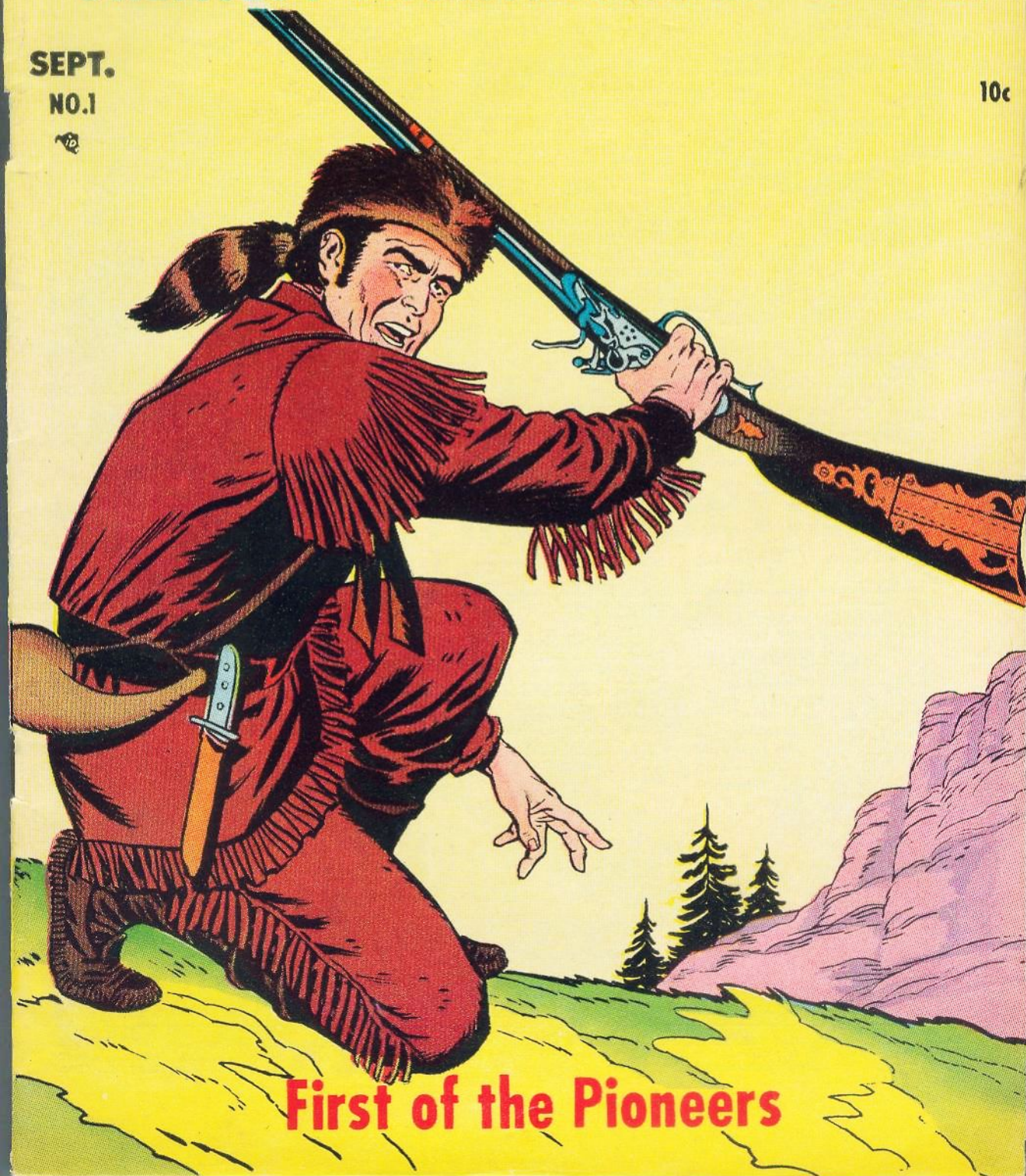
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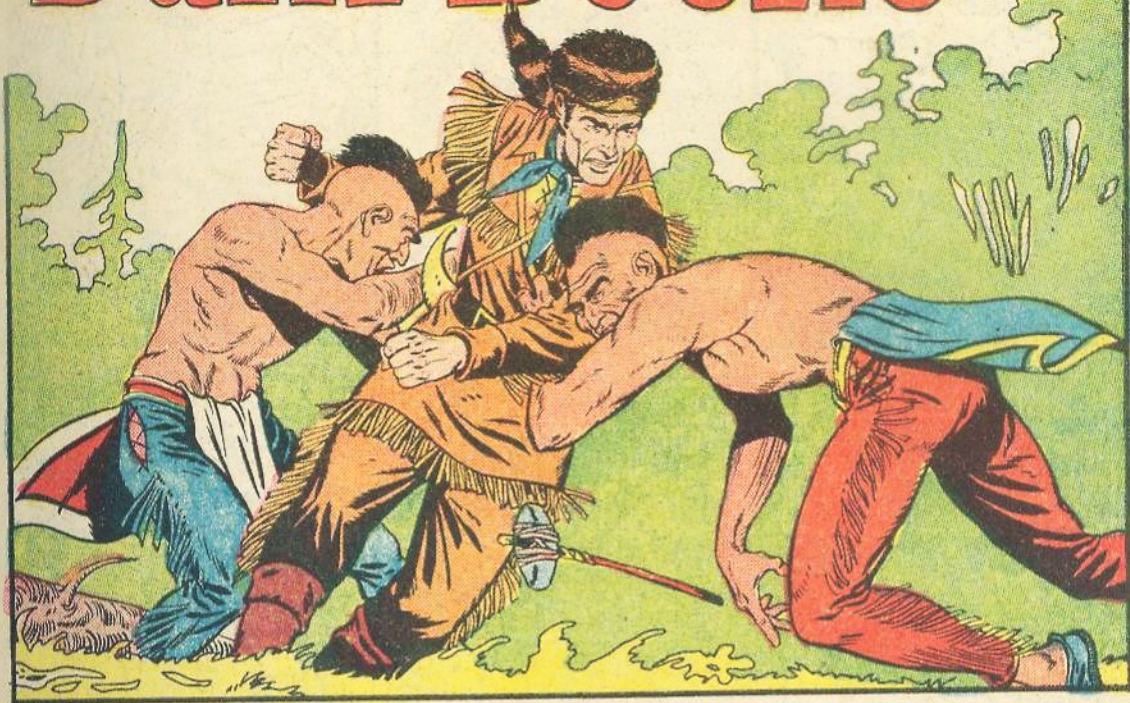
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## "BORN TO THE FRONTIER"

HE WAS BORN NOVEMBER 2ND, 1734 IN  
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I'VE GIVEN  
YE ANOTHER  
SON, SQUIRE.

WE'LL CALL HIM **DANIEL**. AND  
IF HE'S A TRUE **BOONE**....  
ANOTHER WANDERER'S COME INTO  
THE WORLD. NOT ONE OF US  
BUT WAS BORN WITH  
THE ITCHING FOOT!



THE YEARS PASSED SWIFTLY...

WHERE'S DANIEL,  
SARAH? HE WERENT  
AT THE SMITHY  
'ALL DAY!

OUT TRAIPSIN' THROUGH  
THE WOODS MOST LIKELY,  
SQUIRE. THAT SON OF  
OURS WOULD RATHER HUNT  
THAN EAT. WHEN WILL YE  
BE GIVIN' HIM HIS OWN  
RIFLE..?





**P**LENTY OF GAME IN PENNSYLVANIA IN THOSE DAYS — BEAR, DEER, WILD TURKEYS, AND EVEN BUFFALO!... BUT DANIEL WAS STILL TOO YOUNG TO HAVE HIMSELF A RIFLE!



MORE'N ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT. I'LL WHITTLE ME THIS SAPLIN'...GET THE ROOT GOOD AN' SHARP...!

AN' NOW AIM IT TRUE...!



HERE'S VITTLES FOR THE TABLE, MA!



JUST A YOUNG BOY'S WAY OF PASSING THE TIME— BUT THERE WERE LESSONS DANIEL WAS LEARNING DURING THOSE LONELY DAYS IN THE WOODS LESSONS THAT STOOD HIM IN GOOD STEAD WHEN HE GREW INTO A MAN....

LIKE THE TIME WHEN HE WAS BEING CHARGED BY A WOUNDED BEAR —

CAN'T RELOAD SOON ENOUGH TO SQUEEZE OFF ANOTHER SHOT...!



MOST FOLK KNOWIN' WHAT GOOD CLIMBERS B'ARS ARE, WOULD STEER CLEAR OF THIS NARRER, RUNTY SPRUCE!



BUT ONE THING I L'ARNED IN MY TRAIPSIN' AS A YOUNG UN—B'ARS HAVE TO **HUG** A TREE TO CLIMB IT! AN' WHEN THE TRUNK'S TOO **SMALL TO HUG**, THEY JUST GET NOWHERE MIGHTY FAST!



NOW, MR. B'AR—WE'LL SEE **WHO** GETS TIRED FIRST....





THERE WERE INDIANS IN PENNSYLVANIA THOSE DAYS TOO, FRIENDLY TRIBES—AND YOUNG DANIEL SPENT A HEAP OF TIME WITH THEM...

HAVE NO FEAR, WIDE-MOUTH. *SWIFT-RUNNING* SNAKES ARE HARMLESS. BUT WATCH FOR THE FAT ONES THAT MOVE *SLOWLY*—THEY ARE DANGEROUS!



JUST A YOUNG BOY'S WAY OF PASSING THE TIME—BUT FROM THOSE FRIENDLY INDIANS, DANIEL LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT THE RED MAN'S WAYS...

... THAT, MANY YEARS LATER—

BOONE, WE'VE LOST THEIR TRAIL!... NOW WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP WITH THOSE INDIANS!

DON'T BE FRETIN' TOO SOON. THAR'S A STREAM WITH SOME SANDY BEACH UP YONDER... THEY'LL BE CAMPIN' THERE AT NIGHTFALL.



AFTER A LONG TREK—

YOU WERE RIGHT. NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO RESCUE THE GIRLS!... BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WERE GOIN' TO DO, BOONE? HOW'D YOU KNOW?

BEEN CLOSE TO INDIANS EVER SINCE I WAS A YOUNG 'UN. SO CLOSE THAT FOLKS SAY I "THINK INDIAN"...



YOUNG DANIEL HAD REACHED HIS TWELFTH YEAR. BY NOW, THE FAMILY HAD MOVED TO **YADKIN VALLEY** IN VIRGINIA...

HYAR IT IS, DANIEL—WHAT YOU'VE BEEN PININ' AFTER EVER SINCE YE LEARNED TO WALK—**YOUR OWN RIFLE!** NOW SHOW ME YE KNOW HOW TO LOAD HER...



FUST I PUT IN THE POWDER—JUST SO MUCH. THEN I WRAP THE BULLET IN A GREASED PATCH... AN' RAM IT HOME. THEN ANOTHER PINCH OF POWDER IN THE PAN UNDER THE HAMMER... AN' I'M READY TO TAKE AIM AN' SQUEEZE TRIGGER!



HE WAS A BORN MARKSMAN, DANIEL BOONE WAS, AND BEFORE LONG, HIS FAME BEGAN TO SPREAD THROUGH THE VALLEY...

THAR GOES YOUNG BOONE A-HUNTIN'!

SOMEONE SHOULD GIVE WARNIN' TO ALL THE DEER HEREABOUTS. ... I'VE HEARD TELL HE CAN SPLIT A BULLET AT 100 PACES!



THEN, ONE DAY—

**FOREST RUNNERS ON THE RAMPAGE!**... THEY'VE WRECKED THE BRADFORD CABIN—AN' NOW THEY'RE HEADED HYAR...!

DANIEL! WHERE YE GOIN'?





THE RUNNERS WERE THE SCUM OF THE FOREST—DESPERATE THUGS WHO STOLE FROM TRAPPERS AND WAYLAID LONELY HORSEMEN! AND EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, DRIVEN BY MEANNESS OR HUNGER, THEY RAIDED THE NEARBY SETTLEMENTS.



BUT WHEN THEY MOUNTED THE RISE, THEY SAW A COON-SKIN CAP LIKE THOSE ON THEIR OWN HEADS PEGGED TO A TREE BESIDE THE TRAIL...AND THEN YOUNG DANIEL HAILED THEM!



THE YEARS PASSED, AND NOW **GENERAL BRADDOCK** WAS LEADING AN EXPEDITION AGAINST THE FRENCH AND INDIANS AT FORT DUQUESNE....



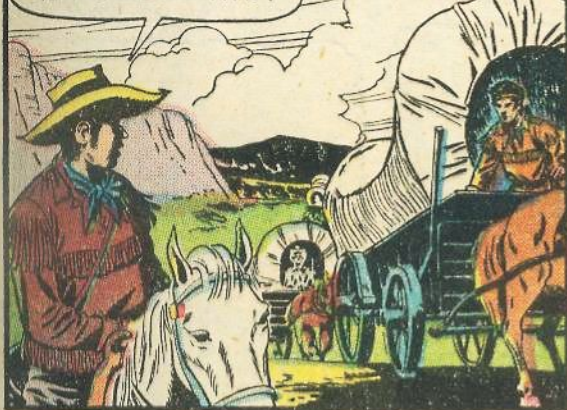
AND AMONG THE WAGONERS, FULL GROWN NOW, HAULING TOBACCO FOR THE VIRGINIA MILITIA, WAS DANIEL BOONE!





A SHORT TIME LATER —

NO RATIONS TONIGHT, MEN! SUPPLY WAGON MUST'VE BROKEN DOWN... AND WE'VE SCRAPED EVERY BARREL ON HAND!



HEY, BOONE — WHAR'RE YE HEADED FOR?

CAIN'T SLEEP WELL LEST MY STOMACH'S FULL. I'M GOIN AFTER GAME. RECKON WITH SOME LUCK, I'LL GET ENOUGH TO PASS AROUND.



DON'T BE A FOOL, MAN! THE NOISE OF THE WAGON-TRAIN'S SKEERED ALL GAME DEEP INTO THOSE WOODS THAT ARE CRAWLIN' WITH HOSTILES!... AN' YE'VE NEVER PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE—YOU'RE SURE TO GET **LOST!**



LOST?... NO SIR. I MIGHT GET A WEE BIT BEWILDERED—BUT DAN'L BOONE NEVER GETS LOST!



AND SURE ENOUGH, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEXT DAY —

IT'S BOONE! HE'S COME BACK!

START UP THE FIRES MEN — WE'RE ALL EATIN' VENISON TODAY!



AFTER THE MEAL —

**JOHN FINLEY'S** THE NAME. THAT WAS A RIGHT FINE SPOT OF HUNTIN' YE DONE, BOONE.



WEREN'T MUCH.

WEREN'T MUCH?... NOW DON'T BE DOWN-TALKIN' YOURSELF! NOBODY ELSE HYAR COULD'VE GONE INTO THOSE WOODS AN' COME OUT ALIVE! AN' I KNOW—'CAUSE I'M ONE OF THE FEW WHITE MEN THAT'S BEEN TO **KAIN'TUCK!** — THE DARK AN' BLOODY HUNTING GROUND...!





I SEE YOUR EYES LIGHTIN' UP, BOONE! SO YOU'VE HEARD-TELL OF KAINTEUCK! —EH? WELL, TAKE MY WORD—NOTHIN' YOU'VE HEARD CAN COME CLOSE TO THE TRUTH! THAT LAND'S A HUNTER'S PARADISE!



"ALL A MAN NEED DO IN KAINTEUCK IS SET HIMSELF DOWN BY A SALT LICK—AN' HE'LL BE SHOOTIN' DEER, BUFFALO AN' BEAR TILL HE'S WEARY OF RELOADIN'...."



"BUT THE INDIANS AIM TO KEEP KAINTEUCK' FOR THEMSELVES...THAT LAND'S SO RICH, THEY'RE ALWAYS TRYIN' TO DRIVE EACH OTHER OUT! LET A WHITE MAN STEP FOOT THAR, AN' THEY HIT THE WAR-PATH RIGHT OFF!"



YUP, FINLEY...I'VE HEARD A HEAP OF TALES ABOUT KAINTEUCK'. MANY'S THE TIME I'VE WATCHED THE SUN SINK DOWN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CUMBERLANDS, AN' I'VE THOUGHT—"SOME DAY, BOONE, YOU'LL CROSS THOSE MOUNTAINS ... AN' SEE THAT LAND FOR YOURSELF!"



MEANWHILE, MILES AHEAD, GENERAL BRADDOCK'S TROOPS KEPT MARCHING FORWARD IN RIGID CONTINENTAL FORMATION....



ANY SIGN OF THE ENEMY YET?

NO, GENERAL. THE SCOUTS REPORT NOTHING.



BUT THE FRENCH AND INDIANS WERE HIDDEN IN THE FOREST, SMILING CONFIDENTLY IN THE DEEP SHADOWS....

LET THEM COME MARCHING. SOON WE WILL TEACH THEM A LESSON IN AMERICAN FOREST FIGHTING—A BITTER LESSON!





MANEUVERING AS IF THEY WERE STILL ON A BROAD EUROPEAN PLAIN, THE REDCOATS MARCHED RIGHT INTO THE AMBUSH! THE FIRST FUSILADE FROM THE SHADOWS CRUMPLED THEIR RANKS! BUT THEN THEY RALLIED BRAVELY—

FORWARD!... FORWARD!



BUT THE UNSEEN ENEMY FIRING FROM NOWHERE AT THEIR SCARLET UNIFORMS THAT MADE SUCH CLEAR TARGETS, WAS TOO MUCH FOR THEM—AND THEY WERE ROUTED!



THIS WAS NO SPLENDID CONTINENTAL ARMY IN FORMAL RETREAT—THIS WAS A BAND OF SCREAMING MEN STUMBLING FRANTICALLY AWAY FROM THE SHAPELESS BATTLEFIELD!

THE INDIANS ARE AFTER US!  
... RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!



THE TRIUMPH-MADDENED HOSTILES SURGED FORWARD AFTER THEM! AND SOON—

FINLEY, WAKE UP!...  
THE INDIANS ARE  
ON US!



NO TIME FOR INDIAN LORE NOW—NO TIME FOR DANIEL BOONE TO DO ANYTHING BUT FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE!



FINLEY!... THEY'RE ABOUT TO HACK HIM DOWN—MUST TRY TO SAVE HIM!



RUNNING SWIFTLY, BOONE CAME NEAR THE STRUGGLING CLOT OF MEN! BUT THEN—

THE ONE WITH THE WIDE MOUTH!... HE DOES NOT SEE ME!





BUT BOONE **HAD** SEEN HIM, AND HAD BEEN BENDING THE SUPPLE BRANCH EVEN AS HE LEAPED FORWARD! AND **NOW**—



WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT...AND THERE'S MORE INDIANS COMIN'! THEY'RE ON ALL SIDES OF US NOW!

SHHH— THE HORSES ARE STILL HITCHED TO THE WAGONS! WAIT HYAR— ALL OF YOU....!



HE WAS LIKE A SILENT SHADOW SWINGING THROUGH THE TREES OVER THE HEADS OF THE WAR-WHOOPING INDIANS.



THEN— HAVE TO CUT THE TRACERS FAST...!



HE SLASHED LEATHER AS FAST AS HE COULD! BUT THEN A BLOOD-CURDLING WHOOP TOLD HIM HE'D BEEN SPOTTED— AND NOW THERE WAS ONLY TIME TO DRIVE ALL THE HORSES BUT ONE TOWARD THE HUDDLED WAGONERS....

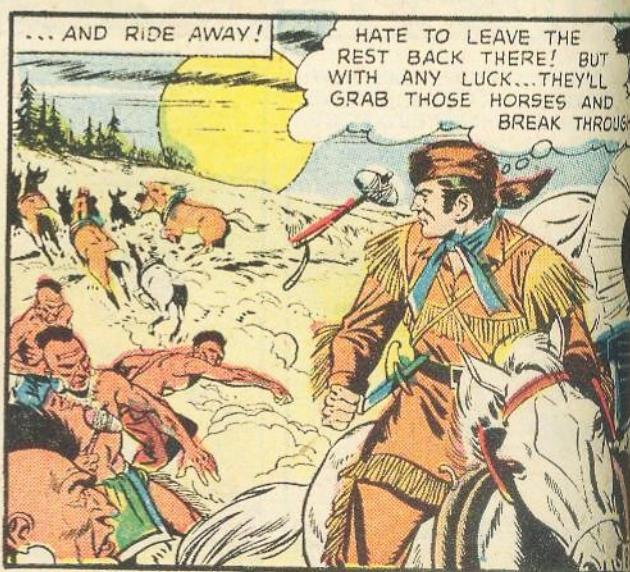


AND THEN MOUNT UP HIMSELF....



... AND RIDE AWAY!

HATE TO LEAVE THE REST BACK THERE! BUT WITH ANY LUCK...THEY'LL GRAB THOSE HORSES AND BREAK THROUGH!





THE WAR WAS OVER. HE WAS BACK IN THE YADKIN VALLEY NOW. BUT THIS WASN'T THE SAME BOONE. HIS BROTHER, SQUIRE, QUERIED HIM ONE DAY....



WHAT'S COME OVER YE, DANIEL? MOST TIMES YE JUST STAND HYAR AN' KEEP A-STARIN'.



MET A MAN WHEN I WAS WITH BRADDOCK, SQUIRE. NAME OF JOHN FINLEY. HE TOLD ME ABOUT WHAT'S ON TH' OTHER SIDE OF THOSE MOUNTAINS... AN' HIS WORDS KEEP STIRRIN' AROUND AN' AROUND INSIDE OF ME.



YOU'RE A WANDERER BY NATURE, DAN. ALL BOONES ARE THE SAME. BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS FINLEY?

DON'T KNOW. NEVER SAW HIM AFTER THAT TIME THE HOSTILES CAME AT US. DEAD OR ALIVE... GUESS I CAN BE SURE I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.

AND OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR DIFFERENT IF BOONE'S SAD WORDS HAD TURNED OUT TO BE TRUE ONES!

BUT THAT NIGHT, BACK AT THE CABIN, A TRAVELLING PEDDLAR ARRIVED WITH HIS WARES....



POTS AND PANS! CALICO FOR LADIES!



JOHN FINLEY!

BOONE! BLESS YE, MAN—IF NOT FOR YOU, I'D BE DEAD TODAY! BUT THOSE HORSES REACHED US... AND WE ALL BROKE THROUGH!

THE POTS AND PANS AND CALICO WERE FORGOTTEN AS DANIEL BOONE AND HIS FRIEND SAT AT THE FIREPLACE....

**KAINTUCK'** IS WAITIN', BOONE! IT'S WAITIN' FOR THE LIKES OF YOU TO OPEN IT UP FOR **ALL** WHITE MEN!



AND OUTSIDE THE CABIN—

WHAT'RE YE DOIN', SQUIRE?

PACKIN' OUR GEAR. I CAN TELL BY THE WAY DANIEL'S A-LISTENIN' INSIDE, THAT RIGHT SOON WE'LL BE SETTIN' OUT FOR THE DARK AN' BLOODY HUNTIN' GROUND...!



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THIS WAS **UNCHARTERED LAND**, WHERE A WHITE MAN'S MOCCASIN HAD NEVER LEFT A PRINT BEFORE!... **RICH LAND**, BLESSED WITH A FERTILE SOIL — AND WITH DEER, BEAVER, AND OTTER ABOUNDING!... **TREACHEROUS LAND**, WITH LIMESTONE CAVES, SWIFT-RUSHING RIVERS, AND CANEBRAKE JUNGLES! **DANGEROUS LAND**, WITH HOSTILE INDIANS LURKING EVERYWHERE IN THE SHADY FORESTS! AND HE WAS ONE MAN

**"ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS"**



HE HAD STARTED HIS LONELY HUNT IN THE EARLY MORNING, DEPENDING ON THE DEW TO WET DOWN THE FALLEN LEAVES AND TWIGS, SO HE COULD MOVE NOISELESSLY OVER THEM. HE HAD BEEN CAREFUL TO STAY UPWIND AS HE NEARED THE FEEDING GROUND, SO HIS MAN-SCENT WOULDN'T BETRAY HIM....



HIS HANDS HELD THE RIFLE WITH THE IRON STEADINESS OF A BORN MARKSMAN. ONE QUICK SQUINT WAS ENOUGH TO LINE UP SIGHT AND TARGET, AND **THEN —**



THE SHOT'S ECHOES WERE STILL CLAPPING THROUGH THE TREES AS HE STARTED TO RELOAD...

CAIN'T TAKE NO CHANCES. COULD BE THERE ARE INDIANS ABOUT. COULD BE THEY'LL COME A-RUNNIN' TO SEE WHO'S POACHIN' ON THEIR HUNTIN'-GROUND.





THE MINUTES DRAGGED SLOWLY BY AS HE LAY HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS, HIS KEEN EARS SEARCHING AMONG THE FOREST'S WHISPERINGS FOR THE SOUND OF APPROACHING FOOTFALLS....



SINCE NOBODY SEEMS TO BE ABOUT TO BOTHER US THIS MORNIN'! **TICK-LICKER**, LET'S GET US A DEERSKIN AND CARVE US SOME MEAT



HE WAS HEADING BACK TO HIS CAMP NOW, BUT HIS COURSE WAS A ZIGZAG ONE, FOLLOWING EVERY FALLEN TREE AND OUTCROP OF SMOOTH ROCK....



IT'S A MITE FARTHER THIS WAY—BUT ONCE I PASS ON, THAR'S NO TRACK LEFT FOR THE INDIANS TO READ!

ONCE HE'D REACHED CAMP, HE MADE SURE TO BLIND THE TRAIL BEFORE SETTLING DOWN TO REST....

I AIM TO SLEEP AFTER I'VE HAD MY FULL OF VITTLES. AN' A MAN'D BE A FOOL TO SLEEP FAST HEREABOUTS, IF THAR WAS A WELL-BEAT PATH TO HIS 'DOOR'...



HE WAITED TILL NIGHT HAD FALLEN BEFORE COOKING HIS MEAL. AND THEN HE WAS CAREFUL TO SHELTER THE FIRE SO THE FLAMES COULDN'T BE SEEN....



HE WAS TALKING TO HIMSELF AGAIN AS HE BEGAN TO BED DOWN....

ONE OF US WAS KILT...ANOTHER JUST SWALLOWED UP BY THE FOREST! SQUIRE WENT BACK TO YADKIN VALLEY, AND I COULDN'T GONE WITH HIM. BUT I CHOSE TO STAY ON AWHILE....



HERE IN THE WILDERNESS—WHAR EVEN IF I WAS AS BIG AS GOLIATH, I'D STILL HAVE WHAT I'VE ALWAYS PINED AFTER... AND THAT'S **ELBOW ROOM!**





TWO WEEKS LATER, HAVING MOVED EVEN DEEPER INTO THE WILDERNESS, HE WAS STANDING AT A CLIFF'S EDGE, WHEN—



BUT WHEN HE DROPPED TO THE GROUND—



ONLY A FOOL WOULD HAVE TRIED TO FIGHT HIS WAY THROUGH THAT WAR PARTY. AND THIS MAN WAS NO FOOL....



THE CHIEF SPOKE—AND AT ANOTHER TIME HE MIGHT HAVE HAD TROUBLE WITH THE CHIEF'S DIALECT, BUT NOW HIS LIFE DEPENDED ON HIS UNDERSTANDING EVERY WORD....





**HE HAD NO CHOICE**



SHE'S A RIGHT FINE WEAPON, TICK-LICKER, I CALL HER. YOU'RE WELCOME TO A SHOT.



YOU'RE DOIN' FINE — JUST KEEP HER SNUG AGAINST YOUR SHOULDER. THAT TREE DOWN YONDER IS AS GOOD A TARGET AS ANY.



**BUT WHEN THE CHIEF JERKED AT THE TRIGGER—**

IT WAS HARD TO STOP HIS MOUTH FROM TWITCHING INTO A SMILE. BUT HE HAD TO KEEP PLAYING THIS SMART....



SHE SURE HAS A HEALTHY KICK, CHIEF. A MAN HAS TO BE RIGHT POWERFUL TO SHOOT ONE OF THESE-HERE FIRE-STICKS.

NOW THE CHIEF WAS TALKING WITH HIS WARRIORS. THE MAN STOOD APART FROM THEM. HIS RIFLE STILL LAY ON THE GROUND....



COULD BE I OVERPLAYED MY HAND. COULD BE THEY'LL TURN ON ME NOW FOR MAKIN' THEIR CHIEF LOOK LIKE A FOOL!

**BUT THEN...**



BIG BEAR IS MY STRONGEST WARRIOR. LET HIM TRY THE FIRE-STICK

ANYTHING YOU SAY, CHIEF. I'LL LOAD HER RIGHT UP AGAIN.

**AND AGAIN—**





NOW HE HAD TO WORK SWIFTLY BEFORE SHOCK HAD A CHANCE TO BOIL INTO ANGER.





WE HAVE SEEN YOUR MAGIC...AND IT IS STRONG! GO NOW— BUT LEAVE THIS LAND! THIS IS **OUR** HUNTING GROUND! NEVER COME BACK, WHITE MAN! IF YOU COME BACK... WE WILL NOT GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO WORK YOUR MAGIC!



NOT VERY FRIENDLY FOLK...BUT LEAST- ALWAYS, I'M STILL ALIVE! **HMPF**— I'M RIGHT LUCKY THEY DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT RIFLES TO GUESS THAT I PUT **EXTRA CHARGES OF POWDER** IN TICK-LICKER BEFORE THE TWO SHOTS THEY TOOK... AN' **THAT'S** WHAT SENT 'EM SPRAWLIN'!



YOU DONE ME A GOOD TURN, FRIEND— TOO BAD YOU HAD TO DIE A-DOIN' IT! IT TOOK SOME MIGHTY STRAIGHT SHOOTIN' TO SEND YOU TUMBLIN'....



... BUT ME AND TICK-LICKER WERE THE TEAM FOR THE TASK! WE **BARKED** YOU —THAT'S WHAT WE DID! I AIMED JUST SO THE BULLET WOULD SMACK INTO THE BRANCH YOU WERE LYIN' ON—AND IT WAS THE **SHOCK** OF THE BULLET THAT STOPPED YOUR SMALL HEART'S BEATING!



NOW HE BEGAN TO CARVE HIS NAME ON THE TREE WHERE THE SQUIRREL HAD DIED....



AND DANIEL BOONE WAS SMILING AS HE CARVED. FOR HE KNEW HE'D COME BACK TO KENTUCKY. THE INDIANS WOULD BE WAITING FOR HIM— BUT HE'D COME BACK...

A TEAM OF WILD HORSES COULDN'T KEEP ME AWAY FROM OLD KAINTEUCK! HUNTING'S TOO GOOD HERE...LAND'S TOO RICH...AND A MAN HEREABOUTS HAS JUST WHAT I'VE ALWAYS PINED AFTER...AND THAT'S **ELBOW ROOM!**



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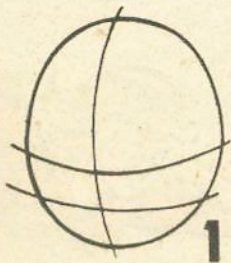


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UH-OH — FLEA MUST'VE BIT ME !!! I NEVER JUMP SO FAST OTHERWISE!

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NOW FOR A PIGGY-BACK RIDE!

P-PLEASE, JOLLY JIM !!! I-I GIVE UP! I-I'LL DO ANYTHIN' YE SAY !!! LONG AS YE STOP PRESSIN' THAT PISTOL TO THE BACK OF MY HEAD!

I ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY, FRIEND. CARE FOR A CLOSE LOOK AT MY "PISTOL" NOW?

NO YE DON'T, TINDER!!!

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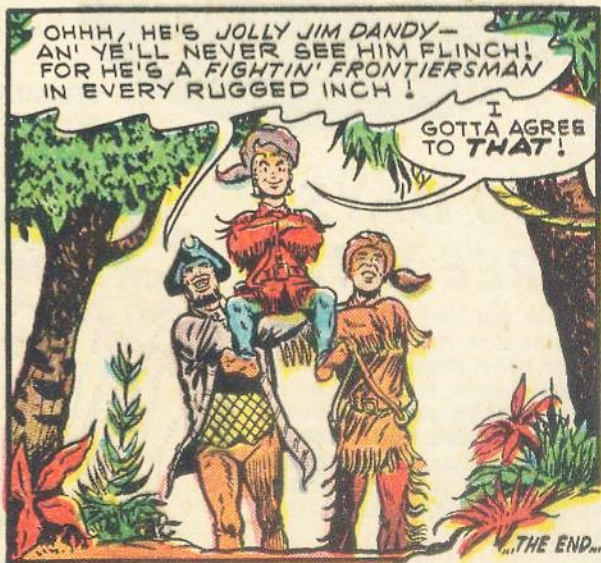
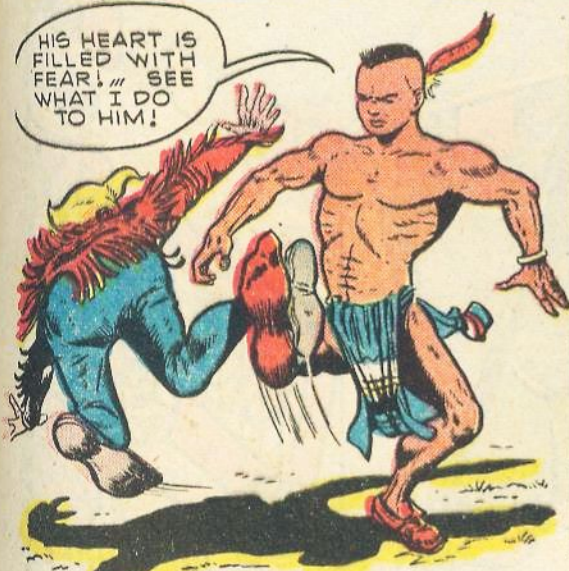
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## THE BOY WHO COULD RUN

WHOOSH—THUNK!

The first arrow whizzed through the air, and bit into the turf at their feet.

"Seek cover, men!" shouted Jim Kirby, leader of the small band of frontiersmen.

Now, back in the canebrakes, the Indians were fluttering their hands over their mouths, and whooping and stomping.

"They're steamin' themselves up for a charge," Kirby whispered. "Better check your rifles. Make sure they're fully loaded...."

Ramrods flashed in the sun as the men grimly drove their charges home. Some, slower than others, were still measuring out powder or wrapping bullets in greased patches.

Only young Tad Jones stood idle—his hands limp at his side.

"Hey, boy," Kirby snapped. "This-here's no time for playin' statue! Those Injuns'll be on us any minute! Get your rifle up to your shoulder!"

"I—I can't shoot, sir," Tad stammered. "I never learned how."

One of the frontiersmen sneered. He was a burly man with a scarred face. "Hear that, Kirby?" he said. "I told you not to let the sprat come along. Soon as he showed up on the trail, talkin' fancy like a London gentleman, I warned you against him....!"

"No time to argue—" Kirby said brusquely. Then, motioning to Tad, "Get down, boy. If you can't shoot, least you can do is stay out of sight so as not to give our position away."

Tad's heart was heavy as he sank to the

ground. He had run away from his uncle's home in Richmond, bent on adventure in the frontier wilderness... and now look how things had turned out!

Back in Richmond with his bachelor uncle, there'd been only Latin to study—never a friend of his own, no sports, no adventure.

It had been a stifling life for a growing boy—and every once in a while, to drain off the animal spirits inside of him, Tad had gone on long runs through the outlying fields—pumping steadily with his well muscled legs, running faster and faster till everything about him had turned to a blur....

But then he had come into a legacy—forty whole pounds of his own. And the morning after the money had been handed him by the lawyer, he had run off—and shucked his city clothes for frontiersman regalia.

He had bought a long Pennsylvania rifle, and not even stopping to learn how to shoot, had plumped himself beside the trail leading into the wilderness—and the first band of frontiersmen to come tramping along had been led by Jim Kirby....

And now they were deep in Kentucky, undergoing the expedition's first Indian attack... and Tad was hugging the ground, the tears hot under his eyelids, feeling useless and bitterly ashamed.

WHOOSH—THUNK!

KRAKK! KRAKK! KRAKK!

The frontiersmen were firing coolly, each man on target, methodically thinning the ranks of the charging Indians.

One more fusillade—and the Indians melted back into the canebrakes.

After stationing outpost guards and check-



ing everybody for wounds. Kirby walked over to Tad.

"Boy," he said softly, "what're you doin' in the wilderness if you can't shoot?"

It was shame and anger at self for not having spoken out before, that made Tad growl. "I'm after furs and land and adventure—like the rest of you."

"And who's to get them for you? A man-servant?" The scarred man had come up, and was jeering at Tad.

"I can *learn* shooting—can't I?" Tad cried.

"Are we to be runnin' a school for fine gentlemen?" the scarred man grunted angrily. "while the Injuns are breathin' down our necks?"

"Hold your peace," Kirby said. Then, to Tad. "Boy, what *can* you do?"

"I can run, sir," Tad said.

"RUN?!" the scarred man guffawed. "I'll bet you can! That's what all fine gentlemen do at the sight of an Injun..."

Tad felt his neck flushing with anger's heat. "If you think I'm a coward—" he began to cry out, but suddenly Kirby held up his hand to signal him to silence.

"Shhhh," Kirby whispered. "Hear those turkey buzzard calls in the canebrakes? They're bein' made by another party of Injuns come to join the first!"

"Y-you mean we'll have twice as many to fight off as before?" the scarred man stammered.

"Yup," Kirby smiled. "What's happened to the color of your face, man? Sudden-like you're pale as a sheet."

Then Kirby's smile faded, and his pale blue eyes were on Tad again. "Boy," he said, "can you *really* run?"

"Yes, sir."

"Just fast... or far, as well, boy?"

"Both, sir."

Now Kirby's sinewy fingers were gripping Tad's shoulder. "Then, boy—here's your chance! We can't hold out against all those Injuns. But if one of us was to slip through with a message for help to the men at Sutter's station..."

"Is that the place we passed down at the river's edge at dawn, sir?"

"Yup. Now here's how we'll do it. We'll take a charge of our own to keep the Injuns

busy... and while we're at it, you'll light out through the woods. Got it straight?"

"Yes, sir."

"Good luck, boy."

"Thanks, sir..."

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The frontiersmen were yelling hoarsely now, beating their way toward the canebrakes—and under the cover of the ruckus, Tad was stealing off through the trees...

He ran fast, pumping steadily with his well muscled legs, the way he had run over the outlying fields of Richmond, faster and faster over the narrow twisting path...

He kept running till at last, gasping sawingly, he staggered into Sutter's Station. He tried to tell them what he'd come to say—but the hot breath in his throat kept choking off the words—and so, to save time, he scrawled the message for help in the sand on the river bank.

Then, just when he thought he'd be able to speak, his knees turned rubbery, the sand started wheeling underfoot, and he felt himself falling through fathomless darkness...

He slept for a day and a night—and when at last he opened his eyes, he saw a vague figure bending over him. Tad kept squinting till he saw the man clearly—and it was Jim Kirby.

"That was right fine runnin' you did, boy," Kirby said. "Nobody I know has ever swallowed forest distance in such big gulps before. The column from Sutter's Station came in plenty of time."

For a long moment Tad felt warm with relief. But then there was a quick cold gust of fear inside of him. Now that Kirby knew how unprepared he was... would Kirby go on into the wilderness without him?

Just then a second shadowy figure bent over him. Tad squinted again—and it was the scarred frontiersman.

"How's the lad doin'?"

Tad winced with surprise at the gentleness of the scarred man's voice.

"He's doin' fine," Kirby said. "Soon as he's up an' on his feet, I'm goin' to ask him to give me a runnin' lesson"—the shadows in the log cabin where Tad was lying, were too thick and black for him to see Kirby's wink—"an' in exchange, maybe I'll give him a shootin' lesson or two..."

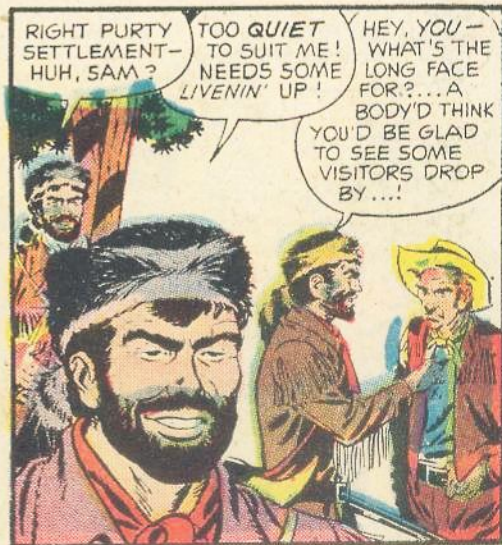
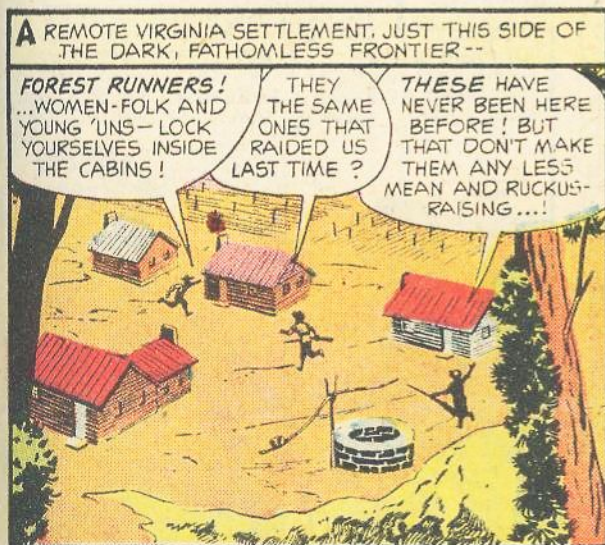
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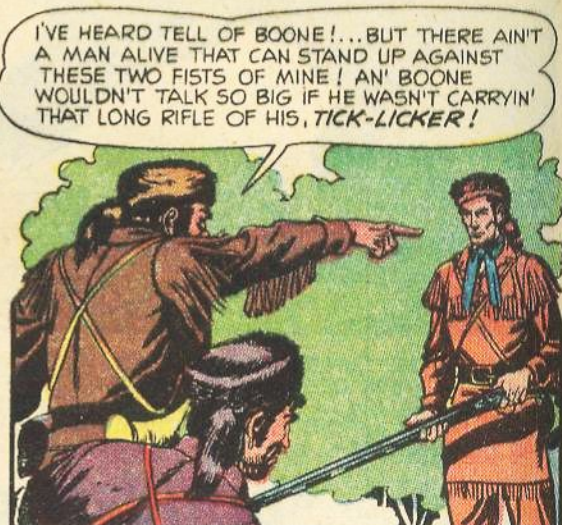


WITHOUT THOSE "RIFLE GUNS" MADE SO PAINSTAKINGLY BY PENNSYLVANIA CRAFTSMEN, THE PIONEERS WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFENSELESS AGAINST INDIANS! WILD GAME THAT WOULD HAVE SCAMPERED FREE AFTER THE BELLOW OF SHORT-RANGED, INACCURATE MUSKETS, KEPT CRASHING DOWN TO THE TUNE OF THEIR SHARP REPORT! AND OF THEM ALL, THE ONE RIFLE WHOSE FAME HAD SPREAD FARTHEST WAS TICK-LICKER—

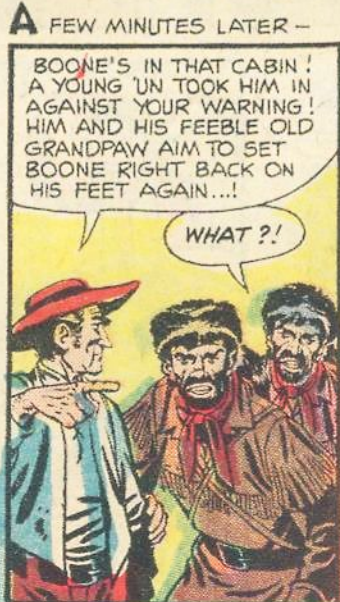
## "BOONE'S OWN RIFLE"









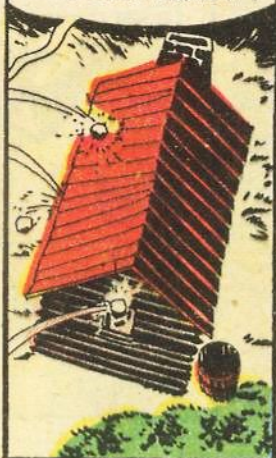




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COME ON OUT, BOONE — WE AIM TO SHOW YOU THAT WHEN WE SAY TO CLEAR A SETTLEMENT... WE MEAN IT!



LEAVE OFF THROWING THOSE ROCKS — WE'RE A-COMING OUT.



SINCE THOSE RUNNERS WERE NEVER HERE BEFORE, THEY DIDN'T KNOW OLD TOM'S OUR GUNSMITH... AND THAT HE ALWAYS STOCKS A HEAP OF RIFLES IN HIS CABIN!



WHERE'S TICK-LICKER?... HAND OVER MY RIFLE — FAST!

S-SAM TOOK INTO THE FOREST, BOONE! BUT IF YOU'LL LET US GO AFTER HIM, W-WE'LL BRING IT BACK!



I'LL GIVE YOU TILL NOON TOMORROW. IF TICK-LICKER'S NOT IN MY HANDS BY THEN, I'LL BE A-COMING AFTER YOU...!







LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE SLEEPING SETTLEMENT—





SUN-UP NOW...AND THE SETTLEMENT  
STARTS STIRRING!



MORNING,  
JOHN.

MORNING,  
EDWARD.



HAVE TO RUB MY HANDS TO  
DRIVE THE CHILL OUT OF THEM!  
HAVE TO MAKE SURE I CAN  
HOLD TICK-LICKER STEADY  
ONCE I SIGHT BOONE...



SHE'S STEADY AS A ROCK.  
I'M READY FOR BOONE—  
WHENEVER HE COMES!



THERE HE  
IS NOW!

MORNING, BOONE—HAVE A  
GOOD NIGHT'S REST?



RIGHT FINE, THANKS. MMMM—GET A WHIFF OF  
THAT BREEZE BLOWING OFF THE FOREST. PURTY  
SMELL—ISN'T IT?...MAKES A MAN HANKER TO  
GET BACK UNDER THE TALL TREES. BUT I HAVE  
TO WAIT TILL TICK-LICKER GETS HERE....



HE'S MOVED EVEN CLOSER! HE'S RIGHT IN  
MY SIGHTS! NOT A CHANCE IN A THOUSAND  
OF MISSIN' HIM AT *THIS* RANGE....NOT  
WITH *THIS* RIFLE, NO SIREE!





HEAR THAT?... BOONE WAS JUST GUNNED DOWN! LET'S GET MOVIN' BEFORE THOSE SETTLERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME TO THEIR SENSES!



BUT THEN-

H-HE'S STILL STANDIN'!...

HOW COULD SAM HAVE EVER MISSED HIM?!

NO TIME TO FIND OUT!....BOONE'S HEADIN' THIS WAY!



WHAT'S YOUR RUSH? YOU'LL BE STAYING ON FOR A LONG STRETCH - THE SETTLERS ARE PLANNING A RIGHT FINE JAIL IN THEIR NEW STOCKADE....!



...AND YOUR PARDNER OVER THERE WILL KEEP YOU COMPANY!

THAT RIFLE...BOONE MUST'VE PUT A SPELL ON IT! IT WOULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT WITH HIM AS A TARGET... AND IT KICKED BACK HARD, IT KNOCKED ME CLEAR OUT OF THE TREE!



THERE'S NO SPELL ON TICK-LICKER. I BANGED HER UP USING HER AS A CLUB THE OTHER DAY AGAINST A WOUNDED GRIZZLY WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR RELOADING. AND THAT'S WHY I CAME TO THE SETTLEMENT - SO OLD TOM, THE GUNSMITH, COULD SET TICK-LICKER RIGHT FOR ME...!



LATER-  
BULL'S EYE!

TICK-LICKER'S GOOD AS NEW AGAIN, TOM. I'M RIGHT OBLIGED. GUESS I'LL BE TRAIPSING ALONG NOW!



NEVER FORGET HIM, BOY. AND WHILE YOU'RE GROWING, TRY TO MODEL YOURSELF AFTER HIM! FOR THEY DON'T COME ANY BETTER THAN DAN BOONE!



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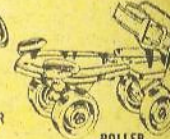
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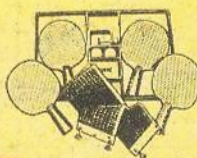


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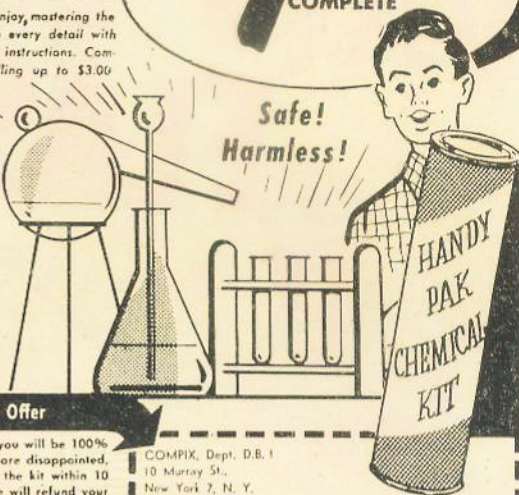
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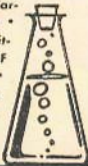
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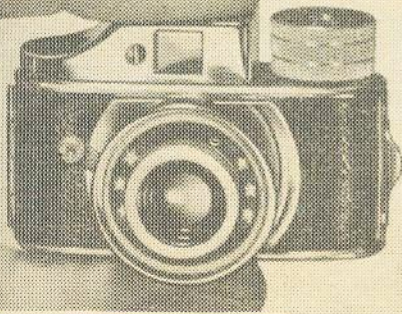
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